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SUBJECT: USED EQUIPMENT FOR MARSA SHIPYARD

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FROM THE MALTESE MINISTRY OF
COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS THE FOLLOWING NOTE, WHICH HAS
ALSO BEEN SENT TO OTHER EMBASSIES IN MALTA:

"THE MARSA SHIPBUILDING COMPANY LTD. WISHES TO LOCATE AND
INSPECT, WITH A VIEW OF POSSIBLE PURCHASE, OF GOOD SURPLUS OR
SECOND HAND SHIPYARD EQUIPMENT.

THE ABOVE-MENTIONED COMPANY WOULD BE PLEASED TO HEAR FROM
COMPANIES WHICH MAY HAVE ITEMS FOR DISPOSAL AND IT WOULD REQUIRE,
INITIALLY, THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:

- A) BRIEF OUTLINE OF SPECIFICATIONS
- B) MAKER'S NAME
- C) DATE OF MANUFACTURE
- D) PLACE AND TIME WHERE THE COMPANY AUTHORITIES CAN INSPECT
ANY EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE

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E) NAME AND DESIGNATION OF THE CONTACT

THE MINISTRY HAS BEEN FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE EQUIPMENT
COVERS THE WHOLE RANGE OF SHIPBUILDING OPERATIONS FOR SHIPS
UP TO, AND INCLUDING 120,000 TONS DEADWEIGHT. OF PARTICULAR
INTEREST WOULD BE ANY SHIPYARD, RECENTLY BUILT OR MODERNISED,
WHICH MAY HAVE EQUIPMENT SURPLUS TO THEIR REQUIREMENTS.

THE MINISTRY WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IF THE REQUESTED INFORMATION WHEN AVAILABLE COULD BE PASSED ON DIRECTLY TO THE MALTA SHIPBUILDING COMPANY LTD. MARSA, MALTA."

2. DETAILED LISTS OF SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT REQUIRED ARE BEING POUCHED TO ADDRESSEES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE APPROPRIATE ATTENTION TO THE GOM'S REQUEST. PLEASE REPLY BY TELEGRAM INDICATING THE NAMES OF ANY U.S. FIRMS WHICH MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN SUPPLYING THIS TYPE OF EQUIPMENT. COMMENTS BY ADDRESSEES SALSO ARE INVITED.

4. COMMENT THE GOM'S DECISION TO SEEK USED EQUIPMENT ON A PIECEMEAL BASIS FOR THIS PROJECT REPRESENTS A CHANGE IN POLICY. PREVIOUSLY, THE GOM HAD PLANNED TO PURCHASE NEW THE MOST MODERN EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE, AND HAD ACTUALLY CARRIED ON PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD THAT END. LAINGEN

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